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BRIGGS LASHES CRITIC HUBBLE

Mr. Laird Briggs, secretary of the Altona City Youth Theatre, has struck back at criticism from the Altona Council over the first drama festival for secondary schools, held in Altona earlier this year.

Cr. Ted Hubble, portfolio holder for cultural activities, was the critic of the festival, which attracted only three schools.

Cr. Hubble (Star-Advertiser 29/9 said "Many of the entries were below standard," and added: "In fact, we could well do without them in Altona."

In reply, a strongly worded Mr. Briggs says:

"It is most unfortunate that the councillor with the portfolio for cultural activities was unable to present the council an accurate report on the festival held several months ago.

"It is hoped that in future he will acquaint himself with the facts before making statements.

"The Altona Drama Festival for western suburbs secondary schools was jointly run by the Altona Drama Group and the Altona City Theatre as a means of encouraging an interest in

drama among the youth of this area, and to provide a forum for such performances.

"All prize money and trophies are presented by the organisers.

"Like the Altona Drama Group, our organisation has also been discussing the arrangements for the 1977 festival. We discussed the absence of entries from Altona schools, and expressed our disappointment.

"It is proposed to provide directors for any Altona schools next year if this be their reason for not taking part.

"The three schools who participated this year were Maribyrnong High, who presented the first act from *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, Laverton High who gave Jack Hibberd's one-act *Who*, and St. John's College of Braybrook, who presented a play written by two of the cast.

"I believe one of the actors was 14, and the other 15. It was most pleasing to see a school encouraging students to write and perform their own works.

"It seems strange that Cr. Hubble should single out one play for particular praise and attack the others stating: 'In fact, we could well do without them in Altona'.

"Is this the type of support we usually receive from councillors, or is this the way he encour-

ages schools to participate next year?"

"It also seems strange for Cr. Hubble, who is not noted for his attendance at theatre, suddenly to become a theatre critic. Not only this, but it takes several months for a report to be presented to council and to appear in the local Press.

"The article stated that the town clerk had received complaints, and that these complaints had not been passed on to the organisers of the festival. Is this fair?"

"Are we to remain ignorant of these complaints and their particular nature? Are we not permitted to know this in order to make a possible reply?"

"Surely common courtesy dictates that these should be passed on to the organisers at least comment upon before being written up in the Press."

"We have received no complaints about the selection of the plays presented. The schools have received none from parents at the festival.

"The judge, in her comments, said she did not agree with the choice of plays, because they required people with 'acting maturity'. She never at any stage criticised the choice because of content. We suggest that if any criticisms were received about the content, they have been grossly exaggerated.

"The Altona City Theatre does not, and will not, consider any form of censorship relating to choice of plays presented by schools in the festival.

"The Altona Council has referred the matter to the Altona Arts Advisory Council with the suggestion that it may consider the possibility of drawing up guidelines for the future conduct of festivals: if it considers this appropriate.

"With respect, it is necessary to point out that this is a matter which is entirely outside the jurisdiction of the AAAC. No member of this group, except the chairman, was present at the festival, thus making any discussion useless.

"Could this type of reference lead to interference in the life and

activities of cultural bodies in this city?"

"Could it lead to the AAAC being asked at some future date to consider drawing up guidelines for the conduct of the annual art show because a councillor says he has heard criticism from someone who probably does not understand or appreciate art?"

"Surely a school has the right to select the material it considers suitable for study without the interference of outside bodies.

"A school must always have the right to select what they consider suitable for a schools drama festival."

"It is to be hoped that, despite the unfounded statements and criticisms that have been levelled at Laverton High and St. John's College, these and other schools will enter the festival next year.

"The Altona City Theatre is against any censorship body being associated with the festival, and will continue to rely on good judgement of those qualified to make such judgements — the school principals, the qualified drama teachers and people who have a genuine interest in the theatre.

"We would appreciate copies of any correspondence received from the public, or is the source of complaint the usually 'reliable' and 'popular' word of mouth comment that becomes even more distorted as it passes along the line?"

"We trust that Altona Council and Cr. Hubble will continue to support the festival, for we consider it a most worthwhile part of our activities.

"It is hoped that the disappointing feature of 1976 — the absence of Altona representation — will not be the case in 1977," Mr. Briggs said.



AN ALTONA SUBURBAN PUBLICATION

Hostel for aged gets go-ahead

The Salvation Army's hostel for the aged, planned for McIntyre Drive, Altona, struck only one obstacle when architect's drawings were discussed by Altona councillors last week.

Councillors in the general purposes committee had been asked to comment on the plans by the Board of Works.

The two-storey building is to contain 46 single units. It will have common dining and lounge rooms,

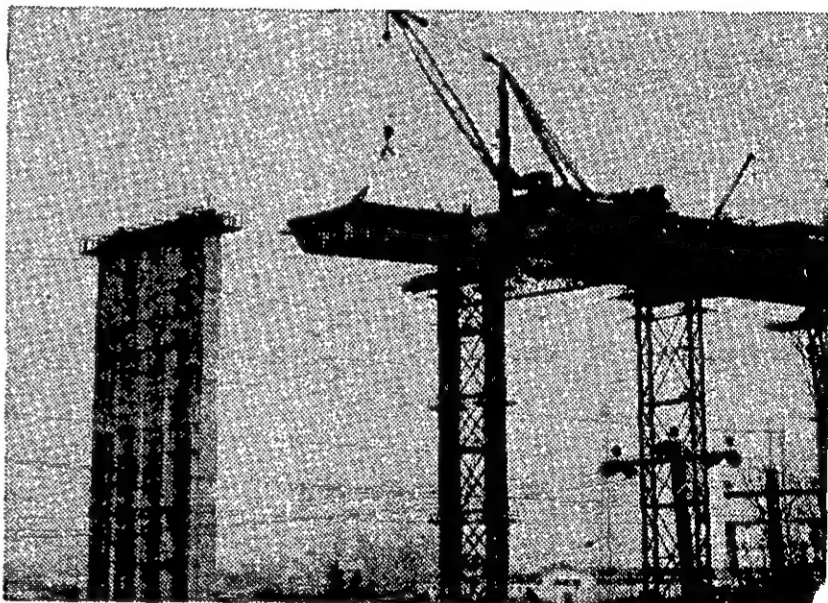
and a three-bedroom flat for the manager.

These details met council approval. However, only 12 carparking spaces have been provided — one for the manager, four for staff, and seven for visitors.

The board will be advised that no objection is raised to the granting of a permit, "subject to the number of car spaces being increased by five."

The council considers that a ratio of one space for each four rooms should be the minimum.

The bridge creeps on



The West Gate Bridge came a step closer to completion last week when crane and workmen fixed this new section in to place.

Gun reported fired in beach scuffle

A shotgun blew apart when it fired during a scuffle at Point Gellibrand, Williamstown, on Saturday afternoon, police have been told.

An argument is alleged to have started after the driver of one car accused the driver of another of "dropping wheelies" that threw stones and chipped the paintwork on his car.

The man police have been told was threatened with the shotgun — an East Altona resident — took part of the barrel of the gun to Williamstown police station.

He has given police a description of the other man's car and its registration number.

The car is registered at a country address and police are making inquiries in that area, but have so far been unable to trace the man.

Mr. Colin Palmer, of The Circle, a passenger in his car and a Williamstown man who was fishing nearby have given almost identical reports of the incident to police. Police have been told

Mr. Palmer and his companion were parked near Breakwater Pier for about three-quarters of an hour before another car arrived, about 2 p.m.

It is alleged the driver of the other car stopped, went to his boot and assembled a double-barrel shotgun.

He then told Mr. Palmer some one had "dropped wheelies and sprayed stones all over my car and chipped off the paint".

It is alleged the man accused Mr. Palmer of being responsible for this, Mr. Palmer denied the accusation and struggled for possession of the shotgun.

During a struggle that followed, the gun was fired and exploded, police have been told.

Descriptions of the man alleged to have fired the gun and a woman who was in the car with him have been given to police.

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Mums help mums to mind the children

Women of the Williamstown Community Centre Co-operative have begun a child-care service on Fridays at Willy's Coffee House.

Co-op. members, themselves mothers of young children, have started the project as a service to parents needing free time to shop or meet appointments.

The scheme will operate between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., with a limit of two hours child-care for each family.

The charge made will go towards the future work of the co-op. Any-one wanting further information can contact Maree Griffiths on 379 1485.

The co-op was formed with the aim of providing day care for children on a parent-run basis and the Federal Government has provided \$50,000 for the purpose.

A house at 83 Cecil Street in Williamstown is being bought and renovated as a child-care centre, and the co-op hopes to begin its full-

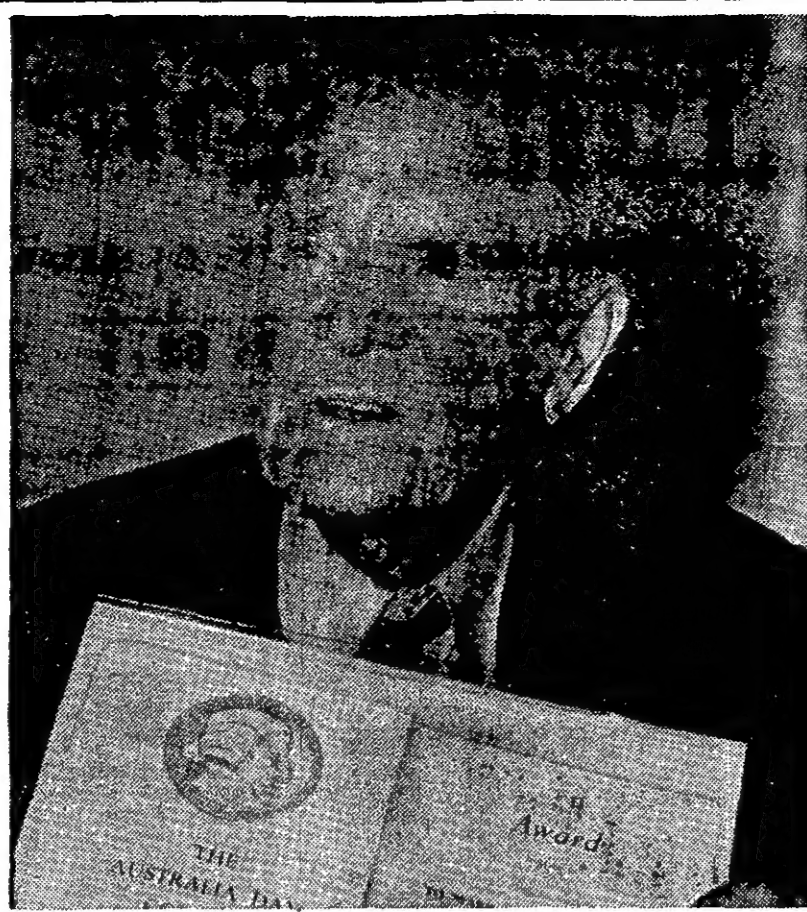
time service next year. Up to 20 children at a time will be cared for by trained staff working under the direction of parents, and full time, part-time and occasional care will be available.

Places will be held at all times for children needing emergency care.

The co-op offers families an opportunity to get together for social activities, and on Wednesday, October 6, and soup and sandwich lunch will be held at 57 Railway Place, Williamstown.

A Hobbytex demonstration will be included, and the co-op will charge \$1 for the lunch.

People wanting to ensure a place in the child-care centre should contact Lorna Coca at 34 Railway Place, Williamstown.



Mr. Larry Code, of Peel St., Newport, holds his award from the Australia Day Council.

Peppered rabbit a costly dish

A rabbit, normally around 99 cents at the butcher's cost an Altona man \$30 at Williamstown Court on Thursday.

Panagiotis Kontos, of the Broadway, Altona North, did not appear in court to answer a charge of discharging a firearm in a public place.

He is on holiday in Greece.

Senior Constable Alfred Welsh, of the mobile traffic section, told Mr. D. Scully, SM, that he talked to two security officers near McArthur's Road, Altona North, at 12.30 a.m. on October 23 last year.

He said they had reported hearing shots being fired near factories in the area.

"I then interviewed Kontos, and checked his car," Sen. Const. Welsh said.

"I found a .12-gauge shotgun, which Kontos admitted was his. I could smell powder in the barrel, and assumed the gun had recently been fired."

"A spotlight and lead wire were also in the car."

"Kontos, after questioning, said he had been hunting a rabbit he had seen in a paddock west of McArthur's Road."

"The area in which he had been shooting was being used to graze four horses, and abutts two factories. A hotel and school are not far down."

Sen. Const. Welsh said he confiscated the gun and ammunition.

Mr. Scully, referring to the Firearms Act, said he felt the police were stretching things a bit.

"However, I suppose, under the Act, primary production does include the grazing of horses. I find the charges proved."

He fined Kontos \$30, in default of payment three days' jail, and ordered the forfeiture of the shotgun.

Frank knows his west



Mr. Frank Mallett, Altona State Savings Bank branch manager, has a good knowledge of the west after 15 years with local branches.

He was the ideal man to take two newly appointed local branch managers on a tour of the district.

He is pictured (centre) with the manager of the East Altona branch, Mr. John Murray (left), and the North Altona branch manager, Mr. John Smith.

Scouts to camp at Tree Tops

First Altona Scouts will spend this weekend at Tree Tops, Macedon.

They will leave at 5 p.m. on Friday and return at 4 p.m. on Sunday. The camp will cost \$4.

The camp is necessary to allow the camp to get the required time "under canvas" for the coming jamboree.

The women's auxiliary is making Christmas cakes, and all mothers are advised to order early. They are \$2.80 each.

The group committee's next meeting is at the Scout hall on Thursday, October 14, at 7.30 p.m. Parents are urged to attend.

TPI meeting

The half-yearly meeting of the Footscray, Williamstown and Western Suburbs TPI Soldiers' Social Club will be held in the Manchester Unity Hall tomorrow (Thursday).

It will start at 1.30 p.m., and everyone is invited to attend.

The last card afternoon, on September 30, was enjoyed by 44 members.

Winners were Mrs. R. Verinder and Mr. G. Rossiter.

Larry, 100 not out, on free beer

Newport's Larry Code agrees that life begins with maturity — and for Larry maturity came at 95, when the Junction Hotel put him on free beer for life.

Last Sunday Larry celebrated five years of free beer, with the assertion that he will be enjoying it for at least another 11 years.

Sunday's celebration, however, was far more than the free jugs.

It was 100 years of contribution to humanity by this cheerful, spry, young centenarian — more than half of that contribution to Newport.

Larry Code was born at Harcourt, near Castlemaine, on October 3, 1876.

He lived there until he was 26.

He went to New Zealand for eight years and there three of his daughters were born. He has five daughters, and quips: "We drowned the boys".

His daughters are Vera Shields, of Brunswick West; May Ditterich, of Ferny Creek; Dorothy Sutherland, of Moorabbin; Mary Benbow, of Manly (NSW); and Marjorie Renton, of Williamstown.

Larry says for work he "always followed the railways".

And while he was working underground on a railway project a doctor advised him to get out of New Zealand — "and don't stop in Melbourne" — as he was on the verge of getting TB.

"That's a laugh — look at me," he roars.

Back in Melbourne some time later a doctor told him he had smoker's heart. He took that seriously and hasn't smoked for 46 years.

However, his family is quick to point out that he has had no real illness in his life, and has never spent a day in hospital.

Sunday's celebrations started off at the 11 a.m. service at Newport Sacred Heart Church where the parishioners paid their respects.

The family celebrations, with the cake, began at 2 p.m.

Women look after others — but neglect themselves

Women generally put their own health at risk while looking after their families and going to work, according to the west's new health planner.

The planner is Ms. Diana Sonenberg who has been appointed by the Western Health Collective with money from the Australian Assistance Plan.

The appointment was made through the Western Region Council for Social Development.

She will help health workers and encourage community action on health issues.

After learning of her appointment, Ms. Sonenberg said women today were shouldering much heavier work loads and responsibility.

Because of this, their health frequently was at risk.

Ms. Sonenberg has been a white collar union official for the past 10 years.

She became the first woman trade-union secretary in Victoria when elected State secretary of the Australian Insurance Staffs' Federation in 1968.

This was followed by her appointment as assistant secretary of the Technical Teachers' Association and later as Membership Development Officer for the Association of Professional Engineers.

Ms. Sonenberg said she became interested in the health of children during three years with the TTAV.

"It seems to me the most important time to learn how to look after our health is when we are young and the best place to learn is at school," she said.

She also said she hoped to see urgent attention

given to the health of women.

Generally women are so busy going to work and looking after their families that they neglect themselves completely," she said.

She also said people should be taking more responsibility for decisions on their health.

"Consumers of health services are too inclined to see themselves simply as 'patients' who have no right to question the 'professionals', Ms. Sonenberg said.

"Surely it isn't necessary for a person to go to university before he or she is able to take part in decisions that affect their physical and emotional well being," she said.

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More than \$3000 and two years work at the week-ends ... that's what Bob Clarke, of Laurie Street, Newport, has put into restoring his 1954 Studebaker Champion Sedan (pictured).

During that time he has virtually rebuilt the car, bit by bit, in the process transforming it from a \$70 rust-bucket to mint condition.

Yet for all that work Bob doesn't even plan on driving his "master piece" on the road!

He will merely be entering it in the Studebaker Car Club of Australia's Victorian Branch Concours D'Elegance, which will be held outside the Spotswood Oval next Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is the first time that the Concours D'Elegance has been billed for the western suburbs and Bob, a member of the concours committee, is fairly excited about it.

He estimates that 120 Studebakers, ranging from 1913 models to 1955 models, will be entering the competition.

All cars have to be in running order but judging will be mainly confined to the appearance of the cars, which means the inspection of everything from dust on the duco to the side-walls of tyres.

So meticulous is the judging that a crack on the car's racing badge could be the difference between winning and losing.

The obvious question to Bob was — for all the money and sweat is it really worth it?

"Obviously I think it is or else I wouldn't be doing it," he said.

"But you have to have a real love of Studebakers even to think about it."

Apprentice off road, could lose his job

A young carpenter with only eight months of his apprenticeship to serve may lose his job over a court case heard at Williamstown Court.

Glenn Keith Ockwell, 20, of Civic Parade, Seaholme, appeared on Thursday.

He pleaded not guilty to charges of driving with a blood-alcohol content exceeding .05, careless driving, failing to stop at a stop sign and failing to give a left-hand-turn signal.

The police withdrew the careless driving charge.

Constable Robert Moore, of Williamstown, told Mr. D. Scully, SM, he followed a car from Kororoit Creek Road at 2.30 a.m. on June 26.

"It turned left from

Collins Street to Victoria Street, and I clocked its speed between 65 and 85 kmh".

"After the car drove up Champion Road, it made a sharp left-hand turn into Lemmon Street, swaying over to the right-hand side of the street before veering left erratically.

"The driver failed to stop at a stop sign in Lemmon Street at Kororoit Creek Road, and on his left-hand turns, apart from the first, he failed to use his indicator.

"When I intercepted him, he identified himself as Glenn Keith Ockwell. He was unsteady on his feet and his breath smelt of intoxicating liquor.

"I asked him if he'd been drinking and he said: 'Yes, a half-bottle of Bundaberg rum'.

"A breath test showed

he had a reading of .185," Const. Moore said.

Questioned by Mr. Tony Hannebery (for Ockwell), Const. Moore agreed he had been called to Kororoit Creek Road to assist the Avondale Heights police after a dinner-dance at Williamstown Technical School.

"I didn't see Ockwell leave the school, I only saw his car in Swanston Street," Const. Moore said.

Mr. Hannebery told the court Ockwell was an apprentice carpenter, and losing his licence "would have a catastrophic effect on his career".

"He would, I have been told, be sacked immediately.

"His job involves driving to home sites throughout Melbourne.

"The circumstances of the night undoubtedly had something to do with these charges. He is not usually a drinker, and Bundaberg rum and coke is a pretty potent mixture.

"He was at the dinner-dance for four hours, but considered himself quite capable of driving home because he didn't think he would be over .05."

Noel Kinnersly, a director of M. and D. — Homes of Kororoit Creek Road, told Mr. Scully Ockwell relied on his licence to work on site.

"I do feel he would be sacked if he could not

drive I am only one director of the firm ..."

Kinnersly said he had never seen Ockwell have more than two or three drinks, and had never seen him drunk during the 2½ years he had known him.

Mr. Scully fined Ockwell \$80, on the charge of exceeding .05, \$25 for failing to stop at a stop sign and \$15 for failing to give a left-hand turn signal.

His probationary licence was cancelled, and he was disqualified from driving for 12 months.

Pam's Column

Hi Girls

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NOTICE is hereby given that an application (No. 86332) has been made by Newport Baseball Club, c/o 13 Cooper Avenue, North Altona, to Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works for a permit in respect of the land situate at and described hereunder.

The purpose of the permit sought is as follows: To erect an extension to the existing baseball clubrooms in accordance with the application and available for inspection at the offices of the M.M.B.W., 5th Floor, 625 Little Collins Street, Melbourne.

LOCATION OF LAND: Municipal District Williamstown, Park Crescent Street, Park Reservation, Township of Williamstown (K. C. White Reserve), Parish Cut Paw Paw.

DIMENSIONS: Frontage approx. 1100 feet, depth 500 feet, situated on north side of street commencing 686 feet south from Champion Road (opposite Ingles St.) (being nearest joining or intersecting street).

The application may be inspected at the offices of the M.M.B.W., 625 Little Collins Street, Melbourne during office hours by any person free of charge during the fourteen days following the publication of this notice and will be considered by the M.M.B.W. after the expiration of the said fourteen days.

All persons who may be affected by the grant of the permit are called upon to lodge with the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, 625 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, within fourteen days a statement in the prescribed form of any objections they may have to the grant of the permit.

All such statements received by M.M.B.W. within the said period of fourteen days will be taken into consideration in the determination of the application.

W. R. GLEDHILL,
President.

Free migrant English

A free migrant-English class is being held at North Williamstown Primary School every Thursday from 9.15-11.45 a.m. Only five people attended the first class and more are needed to keep the class going. Anyone wishing to know more about the class should ring the school on 397-5722.

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I went down the Old Altona Road, past the Pines, to take another look at the old racecourse site.

Our council has plans to beautify the area, and the sooner the Board of Works lets it get going the better.

The task is not easy as it may seem as this is a flood area and takes water from Kororoit Creek in floodtime.

The lower half of the old racecourse fence was in the form of flaps that were lifted to allow the water to pass right across the course and out at the beach side.

It is certainly a very different corner from what it was in the old days. Those small factories the other side of the creek look quite untidy.

And the creek itself well — it certainly is a mess!

It was once a pretty place. In the corner where the PRA tanks now stand was a large field where oats or wheat grew.

The fowls, ducks and geese from the house used to wander freely along the lovely grassy banks. The creek water was clear, and wild waterbirds plentiful.

Many times when driving across the ford we've seen an eel slide over in front of the horse.

After seeing the good work done by our council in other areas, I am sure that this will once again be a lovely corner.

Williamstown

**Laurie
Slee**

Making a film is easy. Today there is plenty of good gear, plenty of free time and plenty of know-how.

A group of boys sit in hilarious conference on the bedroom floor planning the broad skeleton of their holiday film-making project.

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Official processing having been attended to, a week later we find our gang busy with cutting and splicing and making the sound track with a public screening in mind.

A selected audience of family and friends gathers and is seated, the makers are introduced and welcomed, lights extinguished, the projector works its magic, and the work is applauded with home-made awards and supper.

On reflection, this is what friendships and clubs and families and holidays are for.

Theatre that's still live

From weekly play readings at a member's house to an established theatre with five major productions a year.

That, in short, is the story of the Williamstown Little Theatre, which celebrated its 30th anniversary last week.

During that time the WLT has gone through many changes but one thing has remained the same.

That is its stated aim — "To present good-quality live theatre to the public of Williamstown."

Actually, the original constitution of the WLT was based on the one belonging to the local football club because that was the only one available at the time.

Members used to meet each week at the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cordell, who were great workers for the WLT for many years.

The first production by the group, George Bernard Shaw's "A Man of Destiny", lasted just one night — as did most of the productions in the early years.

Gradually, the Williamstown Little Theatre grew until it was presenting four productions a year, each running a week, as well as one-night stands in other suburbs and pan-

tomimes for the children.

In 1966, the WLT suffered its first big setback when the Mechanics' Hall, its home for 20 years, was condemned by the Health Department.

The WLT spent two years without theatre and presented just three productions — in the town-hall supper room.

The Seamen's Mission then looked like being the WLT's home.

It spent 12 months there and installed a stage.

Bad luck struck again when the Navy decided to take the building over again.

Finally in 1970 the WLT discovered an old bakery in Albert Street, and after months of renovating by members, converted it into a complete theatre.

The opening production at the theatre was "Barefoot in the Park", directed by Vin Foster, who also directed the latest production, "A Bunch of Ratbags".

The final production this year will be "Butterflies Are Free," which will start in late November.

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DEATHS

HUNTER — on October 3rd Allan Keith of 52 Queen St., Altona, beloved husband of Rena, stepfather and pal of Bob (dec.), Tom and Val, Max and Pat. Norm and Joan and Marlene. Loved uncle of Allan, Gary, Allan, Barry, Peter, Sharon, Leanne, Julie, Janet, Kerry and Melissa. Peacefully sleeping.

THANKS

POLLARD.—The family of the late Mrs. Rose Marie Pollard wish to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends for the floral tributes, letters and other expressions of kindness and sympathy in their sad bereavement, also Doctor Harrison, Mrs. Marshall and Miss Marie.

WEDDING

JEAVONS — GILMOUR. — Mr. and Mrs. H. Jeavons have much pleasure in announcing the marriage of their youngest daughter Ann Elizabeth to raig son of Mrs. Gilmour and the late Mr. Gilmour at the Baptist Church Altona Sargood St., at 11 a.m. on Saturday 9th of October.

BIRTHS

THATCHER (John) 8 Jenny and Geoff are happy to announce the safe arrival of a girl (Stacey Maree). Sister for Megan at Calvary Maternity Hospital, Wagga Wagga, N.S.W. Leeton N.S.W. 2705.

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Bike club openings

The Altona Junior Motor Cycle Club, formed four years ago, wants more members.

The club now has 130 members, both boys and girls, but wants to increase the enrolment to cut down the use of parks by mini and trail bike riders.

"There are still quite a few kids getting their only bike riding outlet in parks and on the streets — and this brings in complaints to Altona Council and us," club sports secretary, Mr. Ray Lineham said.

"We have the use of about 12 acres on PRA ground at the corner of Kororoit Creek and Millers roads," he said.

Club competition is held every third Sunday each month, with an invitation meeting due on Sunday, October 17.

Clubs competing will include Werribee, Melton and Dandenong.

Boys and girls wanting to join the club or wanting further details, can contact Mr. Lineham on 398 4008, the secretary, Barbara Lewis on 398 3908, or write to the club at PO Box 125, Altona, 3018.

FAIR START
FOR NEWPORT

The Newport Bowling Club started the penant season with only limited success, four sides winning and four losing.

Full results:
A2 lost to Box Hill, 88-112. Reserves 2 d. ICI, 100-84; B2 d. Fitzroy, 113-85; B3 lost to Glenroy, 85-115; B4 d. Yarra-Seddon, 95-91; B5 lost Carlton, 83-110; B6 d. Yarra-Seddon, 96-86; B6 lost to Coburg, 85-103.

Best winning score came from Harry Higham, Jack Heslop, Ken Dillon, John Wylie (33-13). Other good rinks were skipped by B. Dey (29-18); B. Reece (31-16), P. Greer (31-20).

Tournament winners last week:

Sunday: L. Clark, T. Davies, F. O'Sullivan.

Thursday: D. Shepherd, A. McDonald, L. Leibert, B. Winter.

In the final of the club snooker championship, R. Dixon beat J. Terris.

Guiding
for Town

Moves are underway to start a local Girl Guides Association in Williamstown.

A public meeting has been called to start the association.

It will be on Thursday October 14 at 7.30 p.m. in the Baptist Church Hall, Cecil Street, Williamstown.

Local association advisor from Girl Guide Headquarters, Mrs. Pennington, will be at the meeting.

All parents and friends are invited to this meeting.

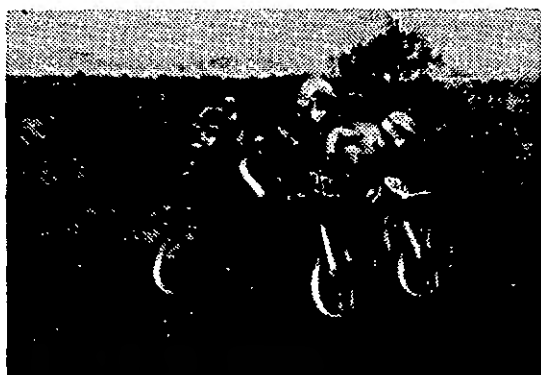
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Autistic centre
for the west?

The Victorian Autistic Children's Association hopes to establish a day training centre for autistic children in the western suburbs.

Centres have been operating in the southern and eastern suburbs for a number of years and the association says the need for a centre in the west is urgent.

The association's president, Mr. John Brett, said the condition of many autistic children improved considerably with proper training and it was tragic that children in the west were being denied these facilities.

He said the association was anxious to hear from parents whose children would benefit from a centre.

Autism is a rare and baffling condition affecting one child in every 4000. Autistic children have extreme difficulty in relating to other children and cannot make sense of what is going on around them.

They have special deficiencies, mainly in the language and social emotional areas which limit their ability to relate to their environment and learn from their experiences.

They appear very aloof, and are often described as "living in a world of their own."

The association is a non-profit organisation, established in 1967 by parents and friends of autistic children to help provide specialist training.

It started in a small way in a church hall, but now

has modern day training centres at Menzies and Bayswater and a residential centre at Mansfield.

Mr. Brett said yesterday that the setting up of a day training centre in the west would need the help of interested local citizens and organisations.

He said: "We hope there will be people in the community prepared to support us, and we look forward to hearing from them."

He added that suitable premises, preferably rent free, would be needed. Further information on the association can be obtained from Mrs. Jenny Collier on 89 3986 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or writing to her at PO Box 88, Box Hill, 3128.

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Willi lacrossers star abroad

Williamstown lacrosse players made their mark on the international scene when they toured USA, Canada and England with an Australian lacrosse team.

Williamstown Fearon men in the touring side were John Butkeiwicz, Gus Garnsworthy, Geoff Spicer and Ron Twomey, and Alan Chiron, former Williamstown star, was manager.

The Australians played 13 times for eight wins and five losses.

From Los Angeles, they moved to Miami before blazing their way up the east coast through Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey before hitting New York.

Then to chilly Canada for a four-team international competition.

Snow fell for two days, costing valuable outdoor practice and the cancellation of one match.

The Australians finished second to Long Island Lacrosse Club, 1975 All-American Collegiate Champions.

The Australians then headed for Manchester and London for more competition. It was a hectic programme with one game, on an average, every three days and training and travel squeezed between.

The tour achieved its purpose — to expose young players to international competition and strengthen Australia's chance of winning back the world championship from US in Manchester in 1978.

The Australians found out that the American players, although slower, are more disciplined and tactically more professionally coached. They

will be hard to

On tour, the Australians impressed many observers with their fast, hard hitting style and in moving the ball around the ground.

They'll need better team discipline in play in '78 though.

The Australians learned just before leaving that the Fraser Government had withdrawn financial support for amateur sport this year.

This meant that the players faced the prospect

of paying all costs at \$2800 each.

But local business people gave the Williamstown boys generous help before they left.

They acknowledge especially, help they got from Tony Hannebery, Norman Bernard, Compton and Green, the Harbor Grust Commissioners, I. Webster, Bates's Bakery, Trident Travel, Simmer's Hardware, Rose of Australia Social Club, Mrs. and Mrs. W. McGuinness, Bill Williams and the Morning Star and Peter Saddler.

BATS COME AND GO BY THE SEA

Batsmen were coming and going as if cricket was going out of style at the Williamstown oval on Saturday...

Unfortunately more Williamstown batsmen came and went than was thought possible. The Gulls stand at 8/24 in answer to Malvern's total of 81.

It was to have been a walk-up start to the Gulls' cricket season.

Malvern won the toss, and at 14 lost opener Macafee to Andy Gibson LBW. Nelson and Beer



added 31 before Nelson was caught by Meyers off Les Joslin.

At tea Malvern were 6/67, and not looking too well. Joslin already had three wickets.

At 4.30 the Gulls took over the crease, and opened with Phil McTaggart and Les Meyers. Les lost his wicket without a run. Bowled by Salvardo.

Newcomer Peter Costello hit one beauty for three before getting a dubious LBW decision.

Phil McTaggart and John James pushed the score to 20 before McTaggart was caught behind by McLeish.

James went, and Joslin came in. He left as quickly as he came. It was 5/22 at this stage. Dyson went. Steve Sandri may have been a little stiff, playing the ball onto his stumps.

At the end of play, after an appeal against the light, Barry McConnell and Tom Ferris were batting.

Details:

WILLIAMSTOWN
Meyers b. Salvardo 0
Costello LBW Smith 4
McTaggart c. McLeish b. Smith 8
James c. Smith b. Salvardo 6
Joslin c. McLeish b. Smith 2
Dyson LBW Smith 0
Sandri b. Smith 0
Gibson b. Smith 0
McConnell n.o. 1, Ferris n.o. 3.

MALVERN
Macafee lbw Gibson 8
Nelson c. Meyers b. Joslin 22

Taylor c. Meyers b. Joslin 5
Marr c. Gibson b. Joslin 0
Munn c. James b. McConnell 5
Salvardo c. Ferris b. Joslin 3
Clarke b. McConnell 3
Barclay c. Ferris b. Gibson 3
Beer c. Ferris b. Gibson 26
Smith c. Joslin b. Gibson 4.

Reserves: The Seconds are also in trouble

against Malvern. The home side made 204 before Williamstown batted to lose 2/28 at the close of play. Ted Horton made 18 and Graham Smith 8. Bill Fowler 3/65, John Fowler 2/35, Neil Speakman 2/37, Peter Thatcher 1/5.

The Thirds dismissed Brunswick for 162. Andy Davies 6/55, Neville Speakman 4/40. The Gulls were 5/68 at stumps with Davies 20 n.o.

Town Little Ath

Little Athletics in Williamstown began its season on Saturday, with competition starting in the under nine age group.

Results, cut to winners only though lack of space this week, were:

BOYS

Under 9 200m: Heat 1, C. Heli; Heat 2, M. Lee; heat 3, H. Stephens; heat 4, R. Jackson; heat 5, T. Lowden; heat 6, J. Heli; heat 7, M. Acocks; heat 8, M. Martyn (Fastest time); heat 9, M. Farrar; heat 10, P. Decuan; heat 11, S. Cochran; heat 12, M. White; heat 13, M. Ruzicka.
Heat 14, M. Glenevans; heat 15, S. Marr; heat 16, J. Thomas. High jump: M. Ruzicka.

Under 10 — 200m: Heat 1, S. Martyn (fastest time); heat 2, P. McQuade; heat 3, M. Allison; heat 4, P. Febbo; heat 5, D. McNeill; heat 6, B. Ryan; heat 7, R. Pace; heat 8, T. Promnitz.
100m: Heat 1, S. Martyn (fastest time); heat 2, B. Stafford; heat 3, D. McNeill; heat 4, G. Stewart; heat 5, R. Ward; heat 6, M. Allison.

Under 11 — 200m: Heat 1, B. Grigg (fastest time); heat 2, K. Lewis; heat 3, S. Stafford; heat 4, N. Cooke; heat 5, G. Skillen.
100m: Heat 1, B. Grigg (fastest time); heat 2, D. Staehr; heat 3, N. Cooke; heat 4, G. Bates.
70m: Heat 1, B. Grigg (fastest time); heat 2, S. Stafford; heat 3, G. Jenkins; heat 4, N. Cooke. Discus: B. Grigg.

Under 12 — 400m: Heat 1, P. Gould (fastest time); heat 2, J. Stephens.
200m: Heat 1, D. Scudder (fastest time); heat 2, L. Anthian; heat 3, A. Gibbon; heat 4, P. Brook; heat 5, G. Leonidou.
100m: Heat 1, A. Arandas; heat 2, J. Stephens (Fastest time); heat 3, B. Campbell; heat 4, R. Roberts.

GIRLS

Under 9 — 70m: Heat 1, D. Pownall (fastest time); heat 2, R. Marks; heat 3, J. Butler; heat 4, K. James.

BOYS

Under 10 — 100m: Heat 1, K. English; heat 2, A. Falduto (fastest time); heat 3, J. Sanderson; heat 4, S. Bouchier; heat 5, M. Leras; heat 6, T. Parson. Long jump: R. Marks.

Under 11 — 70m: Heat 1, M. Humphries (fastest time); heat 2, K. Tyrrell; heat 3, B. Rollason; heat 4, B. Pate.
100m: Heat 1, M. Humphries (fastest time); heat 2, K. Tyrrell; heat 3, B. Rollason; heat 4, A. Griffin; heat 5, B. Pate. Long jump: M. Humphries.

Under 12 — 100m: Heat 1, D. James (Fastest time); heat 2, M. Brien; heat 3, B. Butler; heat 4, L. Bouchier. Long jump: D. James.

GIRLS

Under 7: 400m walk: C. Tabb (W); 200m: Heat 1, J. Mucshiali (St. M); heat 2, C. Rigby (A); heat 3, C. Dare (A); heat 4, A. Thomas (S). Shot put: J. Donnar (AN).

Under 8, 400m walk: C. Manger (AN). 200m: Heat 1, C. Manger; heat 2, N. Height.
Under 9, 70m: Heat 1, M. Apap (St. M); heat 2, M. Wilson; heat 3, K. Jachnor. 400m: Heat 1, D. Harrison (A); heat 2, K. Jachno. Discus: D. Harrison (A).

Under 10, 70m: Heat 1, K. Murphy (S); heat 2, C. Daley (A); heat 3, L. Magnabosco (St. M). 400m: heat 1, K. Murphy (S); heat 2, L. Magnabosco.

Under 11, 70m: Heat 1, D. Kubdale (St. M); heat 2,

Lewis; heat 5, J. Sanderson. 100m: Heat 1, M. Enright; heat 2, R. Marks (fastest time); heat 3, M. Leras; heat 4, J. Sanderson; heat 5, K. Lewis.

200m: Heat 1, R. Marks (fastest time); heat 2, M. Enright; heat 3, J. Sanderson; heat 4, S. Bouchier; heat 5, M. Leras; heat 6, T. Parson. Long jump: R. Marks.

Under 10 — 100m: Heat 1, K. English; heat 2, A. Falduto (fastest time); heat 3, J. Sanderson; heat 4, S. Bouchier; heat 5, M. Leras; heat 6, T. Parson. Long jump: R. Marks.

Under 11 — 70m: Heat 1, M. Humphries (fastest time); heat 2, K. Tyrrell; heat 3, B. Rollason; heat 4, B. Pate.

100m: Heat 1, M. Humphries (fastest time); heat 2, K. Tyrrell; heat 3, J. Cahill; heat 4, M. Luckhurst; heat 5, B. Pate.

60m: Heat 1, M. Humphries (fastest time); heat 2, K. Tyrrell; heat 3, B. Rollason; heat 4, A. Griffin; heat 5, B. Pate. Long jump: M. Humphries.

Under 12 — 100m: Heat 1, D. James (Fastest time); heat 2, M. Brien; heat 3, B. Butler; heat 4, L. Bouchier. 100m: Heat 1, T. Anthony (fastest time); heat 2, M. Brien; heat 3, B. Butler; heat 4, L. Bouchier. Long jump: D. James.

Under 12, 70m: Heat 1, A. Canji (W); heat 2, S. Lynch (AN); heat 3, C. Neal (A). 400m: Heat 1, A. Canji; heat 2, C. Saunders (AN); heat 3, J. Sheriffs (A). High jump: J. Daly (W).

Under 12, 70m: Heat 1, A. Canji (W); heat 2, S. Lynch (AN); heat 3, C. Neal (A). 400m: Heat 1, A. Canji; heat 2, C. Saunders (AN); heat 3, J. Sheriffs (A). High jump: J. Daly (W).

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Under 8: 100m: Heat 1, J. Ferguson (W); heat 2, S. Plevnik (AN); heat 3, P. Gardner (S); heat 4, D. Checuti (AN); heat 5, A. Rawson (S); heat 6, D. Harris (St. M); heat 7, D. Saunders (AN). 400m:

Heat 1, S. Plevnik (AN); heat 2, J. Ferguson (W); heat 3, D. Harris (St. M). Long jump: T. Hehir (S).

Under 9: 400m: Heat 1, R. Hyde (W); heat 2, S. Butler (Niddie); heat 3, B. Lowe (AN). triple jump B. Lowe (AN).

Under 10, 800m walk: D. Green (W); 70m: heat 1, R. Bleakley (W); heat 2, J. Neal (A); heat 3, R. Gardner (S); heat 4, R. Devetak (St. M); heat 5, A. Valente (St. M). Shot put: A. Valente.

Under 11: 70m: Heat 1, P. Menzies (AN); heat 2, J. Jumpetz (St. M); heat 3, G. Dol (AN); heat 4, D. Tisdale (W). 400m: Heat 1: D. Brown (W); heat 2, P. Menzies (AN); heat 3, D. Tisdale (W). Discus: D. Brown (W).

Under 12, 1500m walk: D. Hyde, 70m; Heat 1, G. Lowe (AN); Heat 2, D. Robertson (St. M); heat 3, M. Bleakley (W).

Hockey awards

The Altona Mayor, Cr. Les Crofts, and Mrs. Crofts, were special guests at the Altona Hockey Club's annual presentation night last week.

VAHA senior vice-president Mr. Rick Purser and club patrons, Mr. and Mrs. J. Grant, also attended the presentation night. The club had a great season with all four senior teams finishing in the four and B2 winning the premiership.

Trophies were presented to the following players: A2 grade club champion: Allan Challis. Runner-up: Brian Smith. B2 grade best: Peter Byrne. Runner-up: Robbie Byrne. C2 grade best: Ian

McLennan. Runner-up: Ross Ford. D3 grade best: Allan Relf. Runner-up: Bruce Neyland. Best clubman: Terry Williams.

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Bunting is Ram's best

Harry Bunting is this year's winner of the Mackrell Trophy, the award given to the Newport Ram's Baseball Club's best player.

Trophy winners were announced at the annual smoke night last week.

Winners will be presented with their trophies at a dinner dance next Wednesday at the Footscray Football Club, Social Club.

Other trophy winners: J. Currie Memorial trophy (best clubman): Marion Wass and John Armstrong.

Bob Briscoe Memorial trophy (most improved player): Andrew Maher. Most promising player: David Mildenhall.

Full statistics for the season:

Batting: Harry Bunting (A) 437; Geoff Thompson (B) 286; Jeff Butlin (C) 442; Glen James (D) 359; George Williams (E) 339.

Infield: Dennis Kennedy 985; Rick Bunting 992; Jeff Butlin 973; Greg Griffith 978; Ray Scott 938.

Outfield: Harry Bunting; Peter Cassell; John Merriam; Marion Wass; David Fraser.

The following junior awards were also announced last week:

W. Thom Memorial trophy (most outstanding junior): David Mildenhall.

UNDER 17
Maher, Batting: Michael Hudson, Fielding: Alan Bunting.

Best player: Andrew Armstrong.

UNDER 15
Best player: Curt Ainslie. Batting: Peter Snoey. Special award: Darren Malthouse.

UNDER 13 (A)
Best player: Geoff Douglas. Most improved: Greg Minnett. Most valuable player: Ray Thompson. Best first year player: Vince Edwards.

UNDER 13 (B)
Best player: P. Zahra. Batting: Roland Mann. Fielding: Don Gibbon.

Clive James special trophy: Geoff Douglas, Tony Cornish, Greg Minnett.

All members are reminded that the annual general meeting will be held at the club rooms next Sunday, at 10 a.m.

The Don Deeble benefit will also be held next Sunday, at the Albion ground.

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Altona Little Athletics

A large number of children competed in the first day of the Altona centre's little athletics season on Saturday.

Results, cut back to winners only this week through lack of space, were:

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Under 12, 70m: Heat 1, A. Canji (W); heat 2, S. Lynch (AN); heat 3, C. Neal (A). 400m: Heat 1, A. Canji; heat 2, C. Saunders (AN); heat 3, J. Sheriffs (A). High jump: J. Daly (W).

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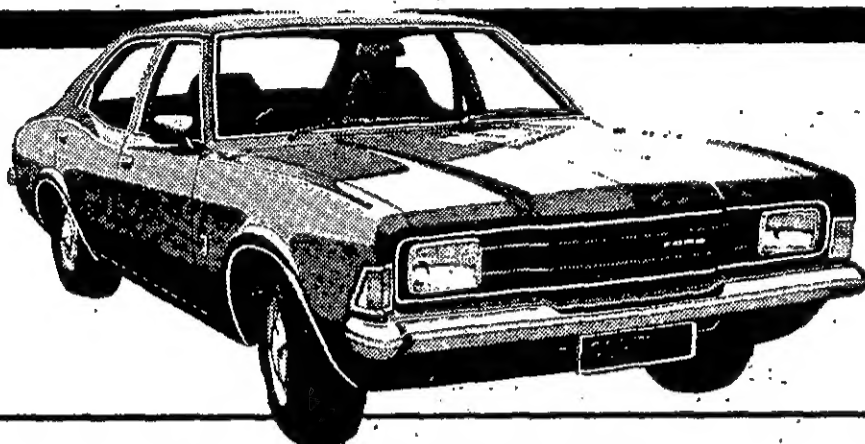
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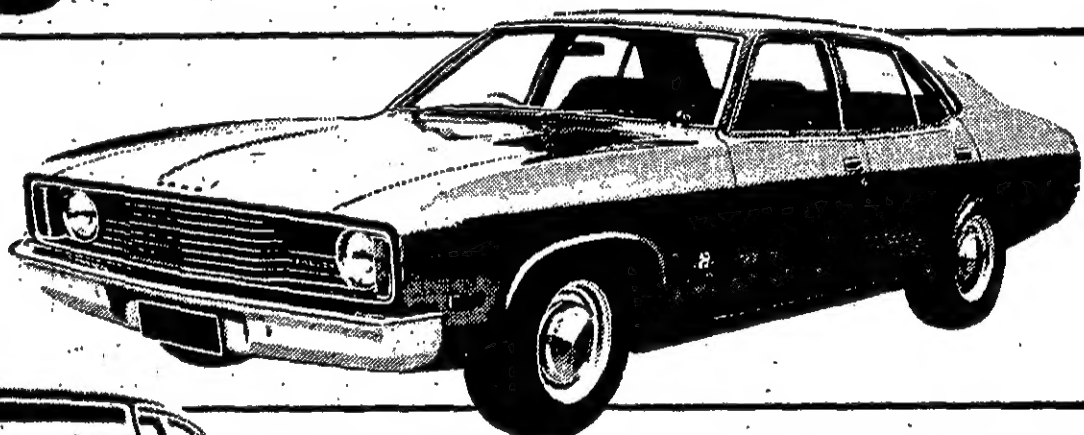
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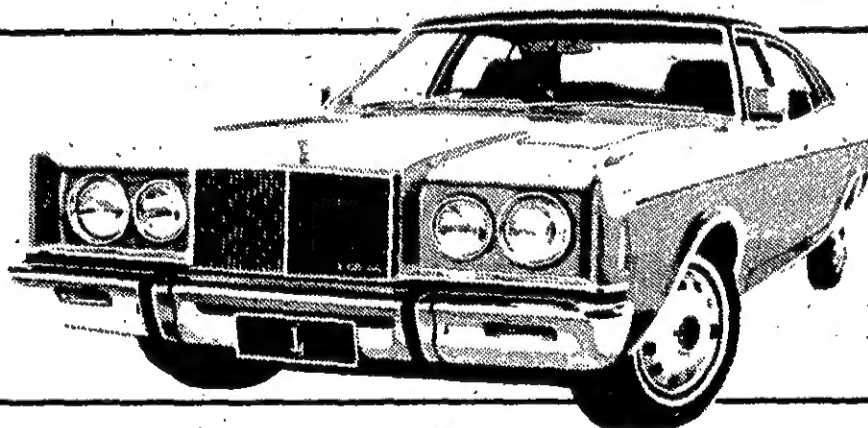


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